

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to encourage the Indiana Congressional Delegation and Senators to oppose legislation that would impede states' rights.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, the 111th United States Congress proposes action which purports to limit states' rights to properly enact protective abortion laws, validate provisions sought to promote the welfare and safety of its citizens, and determine issues deemed a compelling state interest;

Whereas, the proposed federal action would invalidate any "statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action" of any federal, state, or local government, or governmental official, that would interfere with a woman's right to choose abortion;

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people";

Whereas, the state of Indiana has exercised its Tenth

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Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to regulate healthcare, including the matter of abortion, and to promote the health and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, the State of Indiana seeks to retain the right to enact reasonable provisions to regulate medical standards and requirements in the interest of protecting both women and unborn children: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate encourages the Indiana
2 Congressional Delegation and Senators to oppose legislation that
3 would impede states' rights.

4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States,
6 the Vice-President of the United States, the U.S. Attorney General, the
7 U.S. Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Director of Homeland Security,
8 Senator Evan Bayh, Senator Richard G. Lugar, Representative Dan
9 Burton, Representative Steve Buyer, Representative Andre Carson,
10 Representative Joe Donnelly, Representative Brad Ellsworth,
11 Representative Baron Hill, Representative Mike Pence, Representative
12 Mike E. Souder, and Representative Peter Visclosky.

